

E & R amendments.

PRESIDENT: Motion is to adopt the Enrollment and Review amendments to LB 705. All those in favor say aye. Opposed no. Motion carried. The amendments are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wesely had an amendment printed on page 866. I understand, Senator, you wish to withdraw and substitute. Mr. President, Senator Wesely would move to amend the bill.

PRESIDENT: May we have order in the Chamber please. (Gavel.) The Chair recognizes Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. President. What page was the original amendment on?

CLERK: 866, Senator.

SENATOR WESELY: 866. The amendment before you is essentially the same amendment as found on page 866 of the Journal. That amendment would have done two different things. It would have reduced the age at which you could continue to receive coverage under the state employee health insurance plan from 56 to 51 and it would have also changed the language as to who would qualify for that. Right now the language in the bill says "is not receiving social security benefits". The new language with this amendment would read "will not receive social security benefits". Now those were the two changes that were in the original amendment and I withdrew that amendment because of my concern of going from 56 to 51, and although it may not be a big issue, I think we ought to leave it at 56. So the amendment before you only changes the language in this bill such that instead of saying an individual is not receiving social security benefits and then would be able to qualify under this language to they will not receive social security benefits. Now why is that a significant change? Really, the only thing it does is identify the State Patrol. It is probably the only group that would qualify to have these health insurance benefits continue for them because they are the only state employee group that does not and will not